

REMARKS

I. INTRODUCTION

Claims 1-5 are pending in the present application. Figs. 1 and 2 have been amended. The Specification has been amended. No new matter has been added. Reconsideration of the present application is requested.

II. ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER

Applicant gratefully acknowledge the Examiner's indication that claims 1 and 3 are allowed and claims 2 and 4-5 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph. As set forth below, Applicant submits that claims 2 and 4-5 are definite.

III. DRAWINGS

The Examiner has objected to the drawing because reference number "10" has allegedly been used to designate both merlons and ring on pages 3-4 of the Specification. The Specification has been amended to clarify that reference number "10" designates a ring with merlons, e.g., ring 10 with merlons.

The Examiner has also objected to the drawings because reference number "6" has allegedly been used to designate both annular springs and a plastic ring. The drawings and the Specification have been amended to clarify that reference number "6" designates a plastic ring, and reference number "12" designates springs.

The Examiner has also objected to the drawings because the specification describes that the springs press the plastic ring against the secondary core half. The drawings and the Specification have been amended to clarify the springs 12 pressing the ring 6 against the second core half 2.

Finally, as regards the drawings, the Examiner has objected to the drawings because the Specification describes reference number "10" as a ring, and the Examiner believes that the drawings show reference number "10" to be a "vertical member." Respectfully, Figure 2 shows a cross section of transformer. The element to which reference number "10" refers is ring shaped (e.g., it also includes a portion between 4a and 4b).

For at least the foregoing reasons, the objection to the drawings should be withdrawn.

IV. OBJECTION TO THE DISCLOSURE

The Examiner has objected to the disclosure apparently because the Examiner believes the Inventor's residence and citizenship information are missing from the Declaration. Annexed hereto is a newly executed Declaration, including the information that the Examiner believed was missing from the previously submitted Declaration.

V. REJECTION OF CLAIMS 2 AND 3-5 UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 112, SECOND PARAGRAPH

Claims 2 and 3-5 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. In particular, the Examiner believes that the phrase "the spring presses the ring against the second core half in an installed state" is confusing. Applicant has amended the Figures to clarify that, in the example embodiment, spring 12 presses ring 6 against the second core half 2 in the installed state. It is respectfully submitted that claims 2 and 3-5 are definite. Withdrawal of the rejection is requested.

VI. CONCLUSION

Each of the issues raised by the Examiner has been addressed. It is respectfully submitted that all pending claims 1-5 are in condition for allowance. Passage to issuance is requested.

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